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Sir:

ai 5 (amended once). The method of streaming a portion of each of a series of panoramic images from a server to a client, said method comprising the steps of:
dividing each of said panoramic images into areas,
streaming a plurality of said areas from each image, from said server to said client, said plurality of areas including a view window into each of said series of panoramic images and a guard band around said view window,
displaying said view window portion of said panoramas at said client,
accepting user directions to change the location of said view window,
sending commands to said server to change said plurality of areas being streamed to said server when said view window is changed more than a threshold amount, and
changing the areas streamed from said server to said client in response to said commands.